Compensation to gas tragedy victims

†3898. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that amount for compensation provided by Union Carbide for resettlement with regard to Bhopal Gas tragedy still remains with Government of India;

(b) if so, the purpose for which this amount has been reserved; and

(c) whether the said amount will be made available for the projects being implemented by M.P. Government for the benefit of gas victims?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The amount is lying with the Reserve Bank of India in the name of the Welfare Commissioner.

(b) This amount is being utilized for settlement of claims of the gas victims on pro-rata basis as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 19th July, 2004.

(c) No, Sir. In its judgement dated 19th July, 2004, the Supreme Court has directed the Welfare Commissioner to disburse the unspent amount only to the persons whose claims have been settled, on pro-rata basis.

Bio-Fertilizer Production

3899. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of Bio-fertilizers in the country, by PSUs/Private Companies as on 31.12.2004, State-wise;

(b) whether there is self-sufficiency in bio-fertilizers; and

(c) if not, the steps Government have taken/propose to take to augment the production of bio-fertilizers in the country, in view of the increase in demand for these products?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The production of bio-fertilizers in the country is monitored on annual basis. The total production of bio-fertilizers in the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

country, by PSUs/Private Companies during 2003-04 was 11,647.48 tonnes. State-wise production of bio-fertilizers in the country is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The demand for bio-fertilizers is increasing in the country. In order to augment the production of bio-fertilizers in the country, the Government has provided assistance for setting up bio-fertilizers production units under National Project on Development and use of bio-fertilizers where financial assistance of Rs. 20 lakhs per units was provided during IXth Plan. The Government has recently taken up a new Scheme "National Project on Organic Farming". One of the important components of this scheme is providing financial assistance for setting up of bio-fertilizers production units @ 25% of the project cost with a maximum of Rs. 20 lakhs. The scheme is being implemented as credit linked back ended subsidy through NABARD.

Statement

State-wise Production of Bio-Fertilizers in India

S. No.	Name of the State	Production (Tonnes) during the year		
		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1	2	3	4	5
(A) South Zone				
1.	Andhra Pradesh	170.62	161.81	1095.58
2.	Karnataka	702.06	2725.90	848.57
3.	Kerala	294.22	61.55	370.66
4.	Pondicherry	31.40	23.45	80.32
5.	Tamil Nadu	1946.30	2161.62	4073.60
	Total	**3144.60**	**5134.33**	**6468.73**
(B) West Zone				
6.	Gujarat	662.51	687.24	533.38
7.	Madhya Pradesh	1756.20	1439.69	632.84
8.	Maharashtra	2547.57	2265.80	2189.72
	Total	**4966.28**	**4392.73**	**3355.94**

1	2	3	4	5
(C) North Zone				
4.	Delhi	0.73	0.87	0.00
9.	Haryana	23.21	18.73	7.10
10.	Himachal Pradesh	5.88	10.77	5.27
11.	Punjab	2.06	1.47	0.00
12.	Rajasthan	326.13	33.47	11.79
13.	Uttar Pradesh	203.62	273.31	149.47
	Total	**561.63**	**338.62**	**173.63**
(D) East Zone				
14.	Bihar	4.70	7.78	0.00
15.	Orissa	100.60	325.66	61.35
16.	West Bengal	184.32	78.41	235.61
	Total	**290.02**	**411.85**	**296.96**
(E) North - East Zone				
17.	Arunachal Pradesh			
18.	Assam	46.31	89.44	1344.10
19.	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	0.00
20.	Mizoram	0.26	0.38	0.00
21.	Nagaland	0.00	4.01	8.12
	Total	**46.57**	**93.83**	**1352.22**
	G. Total (A+B+C+D+E)	**9009.10**	**10371.36**	**11647.48**

(Reported by NBDC Ghaziabad)